

Q: What is the Communications Services Tax (CST)?

A: Chapter 158, Laws of 2001, increased the permanent portion of the communications Services Tax rate to 4.5% from the current 3% and continued the surtax of 2.5%, resulting in an **overall tax rate of 7%** for the period beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2003. The previous rate of 5.5% applied to all two way communications services prior to June 30, 2001.

Q: Who pays it?

A: The tax is paid by the consumer and collected by two-way communication providers. All two-way communication providers are responsible for collecting the tax from the consumer and filing a return with the department.

Q: Does that mean I personally have to send a return?

A: All two-way communication providers are responsible for collecting the tax from the consumer and filing a return with the department.

Q: When is the return due?

A: Returns are filed on a monthly basis and are due by the 15th day of the following month. If the liability is under \$100 per month, returns are filed quarterly and are due 15th day of the month following the quarter.

Q: Do I have to make estimated payments?

A: Yes, if the tax liability is over \$10,000 per month, an estimated payment equal to 90% of the actual tax collected is due on or before the 15th day of the month during which the liability is incurred.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: Write to the Audit Division, PO Box 457, Concord, NH 03302-0457, or call (603)271-3400.

Q: Can I get an extension?

A: Yes, a 31 day extension of time to file may be requested by submitting Form DP-137 to the department no later than the due date of the original return, and is subject to approval. Please note that an extension of time to file your return is not an extension of time to pay.

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